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Applicant: YASUHIRO KAMIMURA ET AL.
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Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed on or about December 11, 2002.

Applicants submitted a Second Supplemental Declaration on November 1, 2002, which Declaration is fully compliant with 37 CFR § 1.175 (a)(1). We note that the receipt of the Second Supplemental Declaration was not acknowledged. The rejection of Claims 1-53 under 35 U.S.C. § 251 is thus traversed, and reconsideration of that rejection is requested.

Applicants submit herewith an executed Statement under 37 CFR § 3.73(b) and a Consent of the Assignees (Corrected). The objective under 37 CFR § 1.172(a) has thus been addressed.

Early and favorable action in this application is now earnestly solicited.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #381AS/42640RE).

Respectfully submitted,

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